

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25 October 1955

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SUBJECT: Offer of Site in Prince George's County,  
Maryland, by [redacted]

1. During the afternoon of 18 October 1955, [redacted] telephoned the Real Estate and Construction Division. The call was taken by [redacted] who reports that [redacted] refused to divulge the reason for his call but requested the identity of planning consultants engaged by the Agency to conduct a site study. Miss [redacted] did not give [redacted] this information, but suggested that she would have someone call [redacted] later that day.

2. At approximately 3:00 P.M. of the aforementioned date, I telephoned [redacted] to determine the nature of his interest. [redacted] stated that he had exactly the site CIA was seeking for its new building and was interested in bringing it to the attention of the proper official of the Agency. I suggested that he direct a letter to L. K. White, Deputy Director, containing information about the site. I suggested that this letter should locate the site, and provide general information about available utilities, highways, public transportation, area of land available, general topography and other information he might consider pertinent. [redacted] interrupted to inquire whether we had a list of specifications or items of minimum information for site consideration. When I informed him we had no formal printed list, he became somewhat impatient, stated emphatically that he didn't want this thing to be "kicked around down there", and demanded to know with whom he could speak if he were to visit the Agency. I suggested that I would have Mr. Chandler, (Chief of the Building Planning Staff) call [redacted] as soon as possible to arrange an appointment for such a meeting.

3. Early the next morning, 19 October, I discussed this conversation with Mr. Chandler who suggested that we request one of the Realty Officers of the Acquisition Branch, Real Estate and Construction Division, to telephone [redacted] to arrange an appointment to inspect the property. I relayed this information to [redacted] Realty Officer, who telephoned [redacted] immediately to arrange such an appointment. [redacted] has informed me that his contact was most timely since Mr. [redacted] was, at the moment he received the call, preparing to visit the Agency.

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4. [ ] met with [ ] inspected the site, and has submitted his report to the Building Planning Staff where it has been made a part of the basic file. [ ] has indicated that [ ] is an extremely aggressive individual who speaks with friendly familiarity of Senator Butler and Congressman Lankford of Maryland. [ ] has expressed his personal opinion that [ ] may solicit the support of these gentlemen in attempting to interest CIA in this property.



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